

**GAVIOTA STATE PARK
BOAT HOIST OPERATOR'S TRAINING HANDBOOK**

GENERAL HOIST REQUIREMENTS

- Only persons authorized by California State Parks may operate the hoist. Authorized users must be 18 years or older.
- Vessels must have current registration and safety equipment to use hoist: PFD for each passenger, audible distress signal, visual distress signal, anchor with sufficient rope, and fire extinguisher. (Recommended: VHF radio or cell phone).
- Maximum vessel weight limit is two tons, including all fuel, gear, etc. Know your vessel's total weight.
- Launching requires two people—a vessel operator and a trailer/vehicle operator.
- Vessel operator must provide ANSI-rated nylon sling with legible I.D. tag indicating maximum rated capacity. Each leg of sling and hardware must be rated to lift TWICE the weight of the vessel. Wire rope or rope and chain are no longer permitted.
- Vessel preparation prior to launch must be performed in the Staging Area (see plot map).
- Launching order follows a first-come, first-served sequence.
- No more than two vehicle/trailer rigs in Boat Launch Parking Area at one time.
- Park with front of vehicle facing west against the rail (see plot map).
- NO vehicles permitted on pier. Dolly required to move vessel to and from Launch Zone.
- Watch for conflicting traffic on pier before moving to or from Launch Zone.
- Guide line must be attached to vessel bow and stern. Line must be long enough to control vessel from deck to water level during launch and retrieval.
- NO persons are permitted in vessel during hoisting activity.
- Keep area beneath hoisted vessel clear of people and objects at all times.
- Avoid interfering with anglers and other pier users by approaching and departing hoist only within Launch Zone.
- For launching and retrieval by State Park staff, normal hoist operating hours are 8:00 A.M. to one hour before sunset, Saturday, and Sunday until further notice. Approved hoist operators with a key card may self-launch and retrieve seven days a week from 7:00 A.M. to one hour before sunset. Conditions may cause earlier closing.

WARNING!

WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS ALONG THE GAVIOTA COASTLINE CAN CHANGE RAPIDLY. HIGH VELOCITY WINDS CAN APPEAR SUDDENLY. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, ENGINE FAILURE CAN RESULT IN BEING BLOWN OUT TO SEA. BE PREPARED WITH ADEQUATE GROUND TACKLE AND COAST GUARD-REQUIRED EQUIPMENT.